

(c) whether some of these banks are facing resource crunch; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) There are nine Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) operating in the State of Orissa with their headquarters located at Pipli, Bolangir, Cuttack, Jeypore, Baripada, Bhawanipatna, Balasore, Berhampur and Dhenkanal.

(b) The main objectives of the RRBs are to take the banking services to the door steps of rural masses particularly in hitherto unbanked areas to make available institutional credit to the weaker sections of the society, to mobilise rural savings and channelise them for supporting productive activities in the rural areas, to create supplementary channel for flow of credit from the central money market to the rural areas through re-finance to generate employment opportunities in rural areas and to bring down the cost of providing credit in rural areas.

The RRBs in Orissa have mobilised deposits of Rs. 604.88 crores (Provisional) as on 31st March, 1996 and their loans and advances outstanding as on that date stood at Rs. 390.08 crores (Provisional). While growth in deposits was 26.7% and 28.5% during 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively, the growth in loans and advances was at 19.2% and 22.1% during the above two years.

(c) and (d). National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that no indication of resources crunch has been brought to the knowledge of NABARD by the RRBs. However, five RRBs in Orissa which were taken up for comprehensive revamping have been provided with additional equity by Government of India and sponsor banks for cleansing of their balance sheets.

[Translation]

#### World Bank Loan for Rural Water Supply

547 SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any loans for water supply and environmental sanitation projects especially for the tribal and rural areas of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the projects sanctioned and the amount expected to be allocated project-wise out of the funds received from the World Bank; and

(c) the details of implementing agencies of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Piparwar Opencast Coal Project

548. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Piparwar open cast Coal project of Central Coal Field Ltd. started in 1989 is proving costly project;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated budget allocation for the project; and

(d) the total amount spent on the project, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Piparwar Opencast Coal Project was approved in September, 1989 with a capital investment of Rs. 542.43 crores for the production of 6.5 Million Tonnes coal per annum. In May, 1993, the cost was updated and the Project was sanctioned with an investment of Rs. 838.27 crores. The expenditure so far incurred on the Project till March, 1996 is Rs. 961.35 crores. Some more expenditure is expected on the completion of the Project. In 1995-96, the production was 6.85 Million Tonnes yielding a total profit of Rs. 62.74 crores or Rs. 91.53 per tonne of coal.

(b) The Project cost has significantly increased due to :-

(i) Variation in foreign exchange rate;

(ii) The Project cost was estimated on the basis of constant prices whereas the actual cost includes inflationary effect;

(iii) Additional provision of housing, taxation and capitalisation of revenue expenditure;

(iv) Delay in implementation of the project due to delay in getting physical possession of land.

(c) and (d). The Budget allocation for 1996-97 for this Project is Rs. 38.60 crores and Rs. 961.35 crores has been the expenditure incurred on the Project till 31st March, 1996.

[Translation]

#### Subsidy on Sericulture

549. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have made a request to increase subsidy on sericulture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA)

: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

#### Shortage in Domestic Stock of Coffee

550. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a severe shortage of domestic stock of coffee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to stop the export of coffee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Setting up of Large Scale Industries in U.P.

551. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR SONKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a large scale industry in Saidpur (Gazipur) area in order to remove unemployment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir. At present there is no plan to set up any Central Public Sector Undertaking around Saidpur area.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Court Fee Labels

552. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of shortage of court fee labels in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). the Government has not received any complaint of shortage of Court fee labels in the country during the last three years.

#### Closure of Coal Mines of ECL

553. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to close down some Coal mines of Eastern Coalfield Ltd. situated in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, colliery-wise; and

(c) the number of workers likely to be affected by this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal India Limited has informed that there is no proposal to close down any working mine of Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

11.22 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Thirty Minutes past Fifteen of the Clock.*

15.34 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Thirty-four minutes past Fifteen of the Clock.*

*(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Since we could not lay the Papers on the Table in the morning, with the sense of the House, before we start the Private Members' Business, I will just finish these few formalities.

Papers to be laid on the Table of the House.

#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

**Review by the Government of the working of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi and HMT Limited, Bangalore etc. alongwith Annual Reports etc.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : On behalf of Shri Murasoli Maran, I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the companies Act, 1956 :

(a) (i) Statement regarding Review by the Government of the working of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.